

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed February 18, 2009 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 8	MINUS 28	*	=	0	X	(\$26 SE or \$52)	\$-0-
INDEP. 2	MINUS 3	**	=	0	X	(\$110 or \$220)	\$-0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$195 or \$390)
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3						TOTAL	\$-0-

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.